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SUBJ: POS TRAFFIC RIGHTS FOR EAL

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1. IT MAY BE OF SOME HELP TO EAL APPLICATION FOR POS TRAFFIC
RIGHTS IF ISSUE OF CARIBWEST 402 AMENDMENT APPLICATION (REFTEL B)
AND EAL REQUEST WERE INFORMALLY AND INDIRECTLY RAISED WITH CARIB-
WEST CHAIRMAN HAROLD WENT. WENT, WHO IS CLOSE TO PM BARROW, CAN
BE EXPECTED TO RAISE ISSUE WITH PM WHO MAY BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO
EAL OBJECTIVE THAN CIVAIR ADVISOR ARCHER (PARA 3 REFTEL C). WE
KNOW PM IS PERSONALLY VERY INVOLVED IN RESUSCITATION OF CARIB-
WEST (REFTEL D). SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD AFFORD US RELATIVELY
SAFE METHOD OF BYPASSING ARCHER AND FOCUSING PM'S ATTENTION ON
EAL'S PROBLEM AND ITS RELATION TO CARIBWEST REVIVAL.

2. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, WE BELIEVE BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO
HAVE PAA, WHICH HAS BEEN ASSISTING CARIBWEST, MENTION INFORMALLY
THAT SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF CERTAIN CURRENT CIVIL AVIATION
PROBLEMS INVOLVING A U.S. CARRIER MAY HELP TO EXPEDITE CARIBWEST'S
APPLICATION FOR EXPANDED CARGO SERVICE TO U.S. IF WENT BEHAVES IN
WHAT WE UNDERSTAND IS HIS USUAL PATTERN, HE WILL TAKE MATTER
STRAIGHT TO PM. BARROW WILL THEN PRESUMABLY FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF
WITH OUR AIDE-MEMOIRE AND OUR PREVIOUS APPROACHES ON EAL'S
BEHALF (ARCHER MAY NOT HAVE BRIEFED HIM FULLY ON SUBJECT).

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3. WE BELIEVE THIS APPROACH HAS SOME MERIT AND ARE PREPARED TO
PROCEED ALONG ABOVE LINES IF DEPARTMENT APPROVES. ACTION
REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON ABOVE
APPROACH.
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